ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Nonwoven fabric having a basis weight of 30 to 200 g/m^2 , a thickness of 0.5 to 5 mm, and a tear strength of 0.1 to 3 N, and manufactured from fibers having a length of 2 to 10 mm and a fineness of 1 to 100 denier by air-laying the fibers to form a web and thermally bonding the fibers at the intersections thereof.